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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, March 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room A Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19904
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	April 4, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Rachel Brandenburg, Professional Member, President
Dr. Meghan Lines, Professional Member, Vice-President
Heather Contant, Public Member, Secretary
Victor Kennedy, Public Member
Dr. Joseph Zingaro, Professional Member
Dr. Kristen Robust, Professional Member
Ronise Ball, Public Member
Rachel Dunning, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

There were no members absent.

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Witte, Administrative Specialist II
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Zoe Plerhoples, Deputy Attorney General
Tony Hernandez, Investigator
Lorena Hartnett, Court Reporter

OTHERS PRESENT

Alan Grinstead
Doris Lauckner
Joshua Meyeroff
Stacy Northam-Smith
Robert Gingrich
David Weidman

Stacey Huffman
Alan Southerd

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Brandenburg called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

Dr. Brandenburg added that with the lengthy hearing scheduled for today's meeting, there is a need to clear up a few agenda items out of order.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Zingaro, seconded by Dr. Lines, to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

Dr. Zingaro extended an invitation to the Board to attend the "Mandate to Report" sponsored by the Dover Behavioral Health that will be held on Friday, March 11, 2016 from 9 a.m. till noon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Disciplinary Hearing – Robert Gingrich, B2-0000277, #26-02-13, 9:00 a.m.

At 9:16 a.m. Dr. Brandenburg called the hearing to order for Robert Gingrich. Ms. Singh stated that this was a disciplinary hearing for Robert Gingrich for violations to 24 Del. C. §3507, §3514(a)(5), and rules 9.2.3, 9.2.4 and 9.3. The Board introduced themselves for the record. Dr. Zingaro recused himself. Ms. Singh marked as State's Exhibits 1–7 the following documents: Amended Complaint, Mr. Gingrich's Curriculum Vitae, ABEL Assessment for Client T.S., a Job Description for Mr. Gingrich, Case Notes, Final Order from Family Court Hearing, and the printout from the ABEL Screening website. Ms. Plerhoples made a motion, with no objections, to correct a date in the amended complaint to December 16, 2012. The State waived opening statements. Mr. Weidman, attorney for Mr. Gingrich, made his opening statements. Ms. Singh marked as Respondent's Exhibits 1-18 and binder of documents. Various witnesses were sworn in and gave testimony. A brief recess was taken. At 10:51 a.m. the hearing went back on record and additional witness testimony was given. The hearing took a break for lunch and returned at 12:46 p.m. One last witness testimony was given followed by the State's audio evidence from a portion of a hearing held at Family Court. Mr. Gingrich was sworn in and gave his testimony and was cross examined by the State's attorney. Mr. Gingrich answered Board member questions. The Board went into deliberations. After deliberating, a motion was made by Dr. Robust, seconded by Dr. Lines to issue a Letter of Reprimand, and should Mr. Gingrich reapply for a psychological assistant license he would be placed on a 2 year probation with quarterly reports submitted by the supervising psychologist. The motion was carried by Dr. Brandenburg, Ms. Contant, Mr. Kennedy, and Ms. Ball. Ms. Dunning abstained. The hearing concluded at 3:33 p.m. Verbatim testimony was recorded electronically.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Reciprocity Applications

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Zingaro, seconded by Dr. Robust, to approve the psychologist application of Sarah Springer. The motion was unanimously carried.

COMPLAINT STATUS

26-02-13 – Referred to Board

26-02-14 – Referred to Administrative Hearing Unit

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received the updated copy of the APA-accredited doctoral, internship, and postdoctoral programs as published in the December 2015 edition of American Psychologist. Ms. Witte advised the Board that she will update their meeting folders with this updated copy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be April 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Dunning, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 p.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Witte

Administrative Specialist II